Joint Budget Committee September 5, 2003

Attendance: Kit Boesch, Human Services; Corrie Keilty, Mayor's Office; Robin Mahoney, United Way; Annette McRoy, City Council; Sandy Rupp, United Way; Ray Stevens, County Board; Bob Workman, County Board; and Marc Wullschleger, Urban Development.

Guests: Alan Tompkins and Robyn Henderson, UNL Public Policy Center and Jeff Chambers, UNL Children, Family and the Law.

Ray called the meeting to order.

Kit reviewed the Human Service Administrator's Report. Kit touched on the following items: #1—JBC recommendations approved by The Common; #4—Malone Center with T.J. McDowell acting as interim director for six months; #5—Human Services Federation Director Rick Carter has been hired and he is extremely qualified; #6—SAAT and their kick-off for a year long focus on substance abuse on September 29th; and #9—TAG allotment for this year will be \$262,436 (\$30,000 decrease from last year).

Ray asked if the JBC recommendations were approved and Kit stated they were approved by The Common. She stated there were no appeals and The Common accepted the recommendations. Kit stated it is already in the respective budgets for the County Board and the City Council.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the last JBC minutes.

At this time, Alan Tompkins was introduced and he gave an overview of CSIP (Community Services Implementation Project). He also introduced Robyn Henderson the new Director of CSIP and Jeff Chambers of Children, Family and the Law. Alan's presentation was to inform the committee of where CSIP has been and where CSIP is going. Alan distributed a handout to explain this information. CSIP is collecting baseline data so policymakers and/or citizens can track what CSIP is doing. They are collecting the data so they can show what measures are available in the human services field. Alan complimented the JBC and United Way for their support. Sandy commented that United Way and their involvement with the University are also important. She noted that in Michigan, within the past month, racial tensions flared. If there had been collaboration between the City, the County, and United Way that situation might have been avoided. Alan stated that it is important that the United Way, the County Board, and the City Council promote to the community the job they are doing. At this time Ray commented that the collaboration with agencies in this community is outstanding.

Kit wanted to reaffirm that the JBC still wanted her to pursue the Gambling Study this year. If so, she wants to visit with Mayor Seng about the City paying half the cost of the study. Kit stated she has the financial approval of the County Board. Bob made the motion to approve the \$4,500 to be divided equally between the County and the City for the Gambling Study. Annette seconded the motion. The motion carried, i.e., passed 6-0.

Kit reported that based on a site visit by Robin and Annette, the Indian Center was given the 4th quarter payment from last year. As for next years' contract it was stated we will again do a site visit before any payments are made. The person who created the files for the case management at the Indian Center has been fired. Kit mentioned that there is collaboration/participation by the Indian Center at very few tables in the community. Therefore, the agency will be monitored and a site visit will occur when their quarterly report is received.

Kit asked the committee if anyone wanted any changes to the JBC Allocation process. Bob stated he liked the process. Others agreed. Kit stated that it will then remain the same.

Kit stated 17 applications for Keno Human Services Prevention Funds were received in the sum of \$109,728. There was approximately \$40,000 available. Bob made the motion to approve the Keno Human Services Prevention Funds as recommended. Annette seconded the motion. Motion passed, i.e., motion passed 6-0. Annette suggested that the Keno Advisory Board may need to have new members. Kit stated it is time for a change in the Advisory Board. Ray asked Kit to comment on the contingencies made. Kit reviewed Camp Abbott, Lincoln Action Program, and the Northeast Family Resource Center contingencies. Those contingencies will have to be met for them to receive their money. Kit stated the recommendations will be forwarded onto the County Board and the City Council for their approval.

Kit stated to the committee that her responsibilities for 2003-04 will be all human services and juvenile justice. She will no longer be involved in adult alternatives or the Justice Council. She stated she has a plan to re-prioritizing the money (at no cost to the County) and have a permanent employee conduct the Graduated Sanctions Program.

Sandy stated she met with Kerry and there is an old agreement between the County/City and the United Way which needs revision. Kerry will have a draft contract for the three agencies by the next meeting.

Marc stated for informational purposes that the dynamics between the UNL Foundation and the purchase of Whittier School for \$1.00 is in jeopardy since Cushman was sold. Marc stated the community wants the building to be used for education (the Lincoln Public Schools Administration Offices or Parkview Christian School). The Foundation has control of the offer.

Next meeting will be Friday, October 17th, at 8:15 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room.

Ray adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia D. Gergen